Burke Ward Public School  
Week Four ~ Term One  
Monday, 16th February 2015

Principal’s Report
Our swimming carnival is on this Thursday. Thank you for returning notes and money. Congratulations to all students elected as house captains last Friday. I know they are very excited about their first job at the carnival this week.

It was wonderful to see our Kindergarten children start school last week. I am really looking forward to watching them make progress throughout the year. A special welcome to the parents of children joining Burke Ward for the first time. You are now part of the Burke Ward family and we know that your child/ren will enjoy their time with us.

Thank you to AGL for their donation of $3950 to help fund the purchase of outdoor musical instruments for our school. Their support is greatly appreciated.

A reminder that parking in the school grounds is not permitted at any time. For the safety of our children please do not drive into the school at any time.

Canteen CLOSED
The school canteen will be CLOSED this Thursday, 19th February due to the swimming carnival. Please ensure your child brings both recess and lunch to school with them on this day.

P&C Meeting
There will be a P&C meeting tonight at 6:00pm in the school staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend.
Swimming Carnival
All students attending our swimming carnival on Thursday must return their note and money to the class teachers by tomorrow. The carnival is for all students in years 3 to 6, as well as students in year 2 who turn 8 this year and can confidently swim 50 metres. A note went home last week giving you more information regarding the carnival. We are asking that if any parent is able to help out on the day to please notify the school.

2015 House Captains
Poole Captains: Will Campbell, Alyssa Cadd
Poole Vice Captains: Brock Pedretti, Ellie-Rose Wheeler
Flinders Captains: Matthew Johnstone, Danica Fernandez
Flinders Vice Captains: Riley Robertson, Siarrah Olsen
Gipps Captains: Tyler Chapman, Hayley Beck
Gipps Vice Captains: Ky Gilmour, Maddison Vine
Stuart Captains: Lachlan McKenzie, Aalisha Kochaniec-Pollard
Stuart Vice Captains: Blake Rogers, Jaida Crampton

Library News
Borrowing for all classes will commence this week. Years 1 to 6 may borrow two books while Kindergarten will just borrow one book. This will increase to two books next term. The books may be kept for a fortnight. Please bring a library bag to put your books in. It helps protect them in your school bag, especially from damp water bottles.

Overdue Books
If you have found any library books while cleaning up over the holidays please send them back to the library. If your child has an overdue book, unfortunately they won’t be able to borrow until either the book has been returned or paid for. Overdue notices will be sent home this week.

If you receive an overdue note anytime throughout the year and you think that the book has been returned, then please either write a note or call into the library. Sometimes the books don’t scan properly and the computer thinks the books are still on loan when they are actually back on the shelf. If in doubt please come and check.

Thank you to those parents who have already returned overdue books.
**School Banking Reminder**

School banking day this year is Tuesday. If you would like your child to start school banking they may use either an existing or new Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. Bank books are to be brought in to the school office on Tuesday mornings and will be returned the next day.

**Free Public Dental Service**

All children aged 0 to 18 years of age are entitled to free dental treatment at Far West Local Health.

To access the dental service contact:
Public Dental Contact Centre – 1300 552 626

The dental clinic is located in the Morgan Street School grounds, Union Street.

**Stage 2 Information Session**

An information session for our Stage 2 parents will be held on Thursday, 26th February at 3:15pm in the AV room. Everyone is welcome to come along.

**Jolly Phonics in Kindergarten**

Students in KC, KJ and KI will be participating in the Jolly Phonics Program.

Jolly Phonics is a systematic phonics program designed to teach young children to read and write. The first 10 weeks are spent exposing children to letter sounds through a multi-sensory and active approach. One sound a day is taught, with 42 sounds in total covered.

This week’s sounds are – i, p, n and c

If families would like to reinforce the sounds at home, the actions we are learning for the current week and previous weeks’ actions are found on our school website.

Just head to [http://www.burkeward-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/](http://www.burkeward-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/) then “School Years” tab and “Kindergarten” and you will see “Jolly Phonics”
Burke Ward Public School has an APP available on iTunes and for Android phones. Just search BWPS and you will see our APP with the school logo.

If you allow push notifications, messages from the school with reminders and important information will be sent straight to your phone.

You are able to see upcoming school events, send through absent notes and send the school photos through this APP.

The School has its website
which is updated regularly with newsletters, photos and calendar of upcoming events.

Notes are also uploaded if you misplace a note or the note does not make it home.

On Facebook, just search for Burke Ward PS to see our official page.

It is generally accessed only before and after school hours, so if you have a question during school time, it is a good idea to contact the office.

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